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The Mufti's plans for an armed movement against Britain and the Arab League

The following, dated 14th December, was obtained by an experienced and reliable source in Aleppo during a conversation with Zafar Rifa'i. Rifa'i was one of the Mufti's closest collaborators in Berlin, being later arrested by the American Army at Bad Gastein.

(a) Rifa'i disclosed certain plans of which he had been made aware by a letter which, he said, he had received from Egypt. DIST: 6 January 1947

(1) These plans concerned the setting up of a new organization with branches in every Arab state, which would work under a central committee presided over by the Mufti. The organization would be called Jamiat al-Ihsan, and the central committee entitled Majlis al-Sahaba.

(2) Rifa'i said he had been informed that the organization would be assisted by a strong foreign power, whose policy seemed to the Mufti to be in accord with Arab interests. Rifa'i believed this power to be Russia.

(3) Rifa'i described the aims of the new organization as follows:-

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(a) To fight all foreign imperialism in Arab countries and eventually to unite all Arab states into one great state;

(b) To control and thwart the activities of the Arab League, which is considered to be controlled by Britain. Trained terrorist bands would take action against the governments of those Arab states that were considered to be serving British policy;

(c) To create an Arab National Army;

(d) To start by forming a secret armed force to go into action when ordered by the Majlis al-Sahaba.